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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder Supports Proposal for New Mechanical Engineering Building on UMR Campus**

*\$6.7 Million Dollars Funded through  
The Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative*

**Rolla, Missouri-** Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder announced his support this afternoon for the proposed renovation and expansion of Toomey Hall on the University of Missouri-Rolla campus. The proposal is part of Governor Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, and would provide nearly \$7 million dollars for the project.

"By providing the funds for new aerospace applications at Toomey Hall, we will put Missouri at the forefront of the business of discovery", said Lt. Governor Kinder. He added, "Governor Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative would invest almost \$7 million dollars for this project. This plan will help keep UMR and the Rolla area moving forward."

Under the current proposal under consideration in the Missouri legislature, UMR would receive \$6,750,000 for the construction and renovation of Toomey Hall. The total project is estimated to cost \$27,600,000, with UMR providing \$20,850,000 in matching funds.